

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/043,486

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment dated 4/11/2005, RCE dated 5/10/2005, amendment dated 6/2/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 4/5/2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the applicant's amendment dated 4/11/2005, RCE dated 5/10/2005, and supplemental amendment dated 6/2/2005.

The applicant amended claims 1, 5, 10 and 14.

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/11/2005 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment to Claims 1, 5 and 10, see amendment, filed 4/11/2005, with respect to rejections under 35 USC 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection under 35 USC 103(a) of said claims has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

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by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Corrections to the claims were agreed to as follows:

Claim 11: Change Line 1 ("A computer program ...") to "The computer program ...".

Claim 14: Change line 5 from "a memory unit having a stuck-at fault" to recite, "the memory unit having the stuck-at fault".

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lynn Augspurger on 6/7/2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The reference art of IBM Publication NN81081677 and Guo et al. teach a method for testing logic circuits comprising shift register scan paths, wherein patterns are loaded to introduce stuck-at fault conditions in a scan path, pattern variations are introduced to further enhance stuck-at fault detection, and analysis of the scan chain is executed for the purpose of locating stuck-at fault bits in the chain. However, the prior arts of record taken alone, or in combination failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the claimed invention or the method steps of the application. Specifically, as per independent Claims 1, 5 and 10, the prior arts failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the limitation introduced into these claims, namely: causing a change in a power supply voltage to trigger a change in state for the purpose of locating stuck-at

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fault bits in the LSSD chain. Consequently, Claims 1, 5 and 10 are allowed over the prior arts of record. Claims 2-4, 6-9 and 11-14 are directly or indirectly dependent upon Claims 1, 5 and 10, and therefore are also allowable over the prior arts of record.

Therefore claims, 1-14 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John P. Trimmings whose telephone number is (571) 272-3830. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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